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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:  
Patrick A. Raymond et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
DETECTING THE PRESENCE OF  
A HOT PLUGGABLE COMPONENT  
IN A COMPUTER SYSTEM

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§ Examiner: Huynh, Kim T.

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**RESPONSE**

In response to the Official Action mailed on October 2, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the remarks set forth below.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-18 stand rejected, of which claims 1, 6, 10, and 12 are independent.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

**Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102**

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 4-6, 9-12 and 15-17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by MacGregor et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,525,795). The Examiner's rejection is too